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FOR PHILIP COHAN FROM WHITFIELD

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SUBJ: 1973 WORLD TROPHY AWARD NOMINATION: AFRICA AREA

PASS TO: W.R. BILL SCHROEDER, MANAGING DIRECTOR
CITIZENS SAVINGS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION
9800 SOUTH SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, USA, 90045

ROY WHITFIELD SELECTS FOLLOWING CANDIDATES IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

FIRST PLACE -- BEN JIPCHO OF KENYA, EAST AFRICA.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- TIED WORLD RECORD IN STEEPLE CHASE, LAGOS, NIGERIA ALL AFRICA GAMES, JANUARY 1973. RUNNING TIME: 8:18.2
- SET WORLD RECORD IN STEEPLE CHASE DURING TOUR IN EUROPE; TIME: 8:14.0;
- STUNTING PERFORMANCE IN 1,500 METERS, APPROACHING JIM RYUM'S WORLD MARK WITH 3:52.0;

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- RAN SECOND FASTEST 1,500 METERS TO JIM RYUM CLOCKING:

3:34.6;

- WINNER 3,000 METERS STEEPLE CHASE AND 5,000 METERS RUN
IN ALL AFRICA GAMES, LAGOS, NIGERIA JANUARY, 1973
- WINNER IN THE 3,000 METERS STEEPLE CHASE AND 1,500 METERS
RUN IN PAN AFRICA/US INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS MEET,
DAKAR, SENEGAL, AUGUST, 1973;
- EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL IN ALL MEETS ON EUROPEAN AND
MEXICO ATHLETIC TOURS, 1973.

COMMENT: HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN ATHLETICS (TRACK)
BROUGHT HONORS TO HIS COUNTRY PARTICULARLY AND AFRICA GEN-
ERALLY AND THIS IN TURN PROMOTED AFRICAN INTEREST IN INTER-
NATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITION.

SECOND PLACE -- MISS AFIFI FATEN OF EGYPT

ACHIEVEMENTS

- THE 17 YEAR OLD SWIMMER FROM EGYPT "THE MARK SPITZ OF
AFRICA) WITH SEVEN GOLD MEDALS IN ALL AFRICA GAMES,
LAGOS, NIGERIA, 1973 WAS ONE OF THE WOMEN STANDOUTS IN
AFRICAN SPORTS IN 1973.

THIRD PLACE -- FILBERT BAYI OF TANZANIA

ACHIEVEMENTS

- WINNER OF ALL AFRICA GAMES, 1,500 METERS OVER KEINO
KIPCHOGIE OF KENYA, JANUARY 1973.
- SECOND TO BEN JIPCHO IN 1,500 METERS, PAN AFRICA/US
ATHLETIC MEET, DAKAR, SENEGAL, AUGUST, 1973.
- RAN SECOND FASTEST IN 1,500 METERS TO BEN JIPCHO
CLOCKING 3:34.6.

COMMENT: THE 19 YEAR OLD MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNER SHOWS PROMISING
ABILITY TO BE AFRICA'S FINEST MIDDLE DISTANCE RUNNER. HE IS
A NATURAL ATHLETE HAVING RECEIVED NO SCIENTIFIC ATHLETIC
TRAINING.

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